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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of  
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Sir:

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The additional references cited in the attached search reports have already been made of record in this application. Reference NL 1 017 534, cited in the Dutch Search Report, is the equivalent of WO 01/47877.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

This submission is filed contemporaneously with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

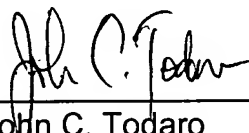
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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4), before the mailing of a first office action after the filing of a request for continued examination. As a result, it is believed that no fee is due. However, if the Commissioner determines that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above deposit account for any deficiency.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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